

## TRANSCRIPT

Deputy Secretary of State Bill Burns

After meeting President Humala

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Good morning. I am delighted to have a chance to visit Peru.

I just finished an excellent discussion with the President [Humala]. I convey to him the warm greetings of President Obama and Secretary Clinton and I reemphasized, as President Obama and Secretary Clinton emphasized to President Humala in July in Washington before his inauguration, the continuing commitment of the United States to strong partnership with the Peruvian Government and the people of Peru across a wide range of issues including trade, economics, social inclusion, citizen security, a comprehensive mutual effort against narcotics, education, health and many other areas. It is the firm ambition of the United States to do everything that we can in a spirit of mutual respect and mindful of a mutual interest to work together with Peru to achieve practical results which benefit the people of this country.

So, once again, I was delighted to have the chance to visit and to meet with the President this morning and I look forward very much to the remaining of my schedule here and the rich agenda of meetings with government officials as well as the civil society, business leaders and students. So, thank you again and I will be glad to take one or two questions.

**Question:** What analysis or agreements have you reached with President Humala regarding cooperation in social inclusion? Have you agreed on an official agenda for President Obama to visit Peru?

**Burns:** We spent a good deal of time discussing with the President our strong support for social inclusive economic growth in Peru. As a mark of our commitment to doing everything we can to help Peru in that effort, we sent a team of senior officials from several different American ministries earlier this week and they have very productive discussions with their counterparts in Peru and how we can contribute to practical progress in Peru in areas like education, health and small business development.

**Question:** How is the US counternarcotics cooperation going to be? Do you think it will be affected because of the criticism to President of DEVIDA, Ricardo Soberon, who has showed a position contrary to eradication of illegal coca?

Burns: United States and Peru have worked, I think, quite well together over the years in a comprehensive effort against the share challenge of narcotics production and trafficking. I emphasize that it is a shared challenge because as President Obama has said, we recognize that we share responsibility for this problem because of our high levels of consumption. So not only [do we] share responsibility, we want to share the effort to find the solution to make progress and the only way to do that is through a comprehensive approach that includes alternative development, interdiction, fighting against money laundering, information sharing as well as eradication. So that is the basis on which we look to continue our work close to Peru.

Thank you very much.